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Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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DIRECTOR AND SACS SEATTLE AND SAN FRANCISCO U R G E N T
FLYING DISCS, SM DASH X. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. LADD, ONE PM
TODAY REQUESTING TELETYPE SUMMARY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF
RECENT REPORTED FLYING DISCS IN PORTLAND AREA AND A REPORTED CONFERENCE
OF ARMY OFFICIALS IN PORTLAND CONCERNING FLYING DISCS. LEAVERITT G.
RICHARDS, AVIATION EDITOR THE OREGONIAN, ADVISED THAT A CAPTAIN
WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON AND LT. FRANK M. BROWN OF FOURTH AAF HEADQUARTERS,
SAN FRANCISCO WERE IN PORTLAND JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND INTERVIEWED
DICK RANKIN, AN EXPERIENCED PILOT, WHO HAD REPORTED JUNE FOURTEEN
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FIELD, CALIF. ACCORDING TO RICHARDS THEY HAD ALSO INTERVIEWED
FOLLOWING FOUR EXPERIENCED PILOTS WHO WERE AMONG FIRST WHO REPORTED
SEEING DISCS - KENNETH ARNOLD, BUSINESS MAN, BOISE, IDAHO, CAPTAIN
E. J. SMITH AND CO-PILOT RALPH STEVENS, UNITED AIRLINES, AND DAVE
JOHNSON, AVIATION EDITOR, IDAHO STATESMAN. TO ASCERTAIN THE
PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEWS RICHARDS CONTACTED MAJOR GENERAL TWINING
OF WRIGHT FIELD, OHIO BY PHONE AT ALBUQUERQUE, NM, AND FROM HIM
GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AAF INSTITUTED THIS INVESTIGATION TO
WASH OUT THE DISC REPORTS, SINCE THEY ARE DEFINITELY NOT OF AAF ORIGIN.
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST, THE PLANE IN WHICH AAF INVESTIGATORS CAPTAIN
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